

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A beam irradiation apparatus being characterized in that the beam irradiation apparatus has means for scanning an continuously output energy beam on an irradiated object, the means for scanning has a specular body, the specular body is fixed to a shaft so as to be set on an optical axis of the beam, and the specular body rotates on the shaft as a center.

2. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the continuously output energy beam is emitted from an oscillator.

3. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the specular body has a plane surface or a curved surface.

4. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the beam irradiation apparatus comprises a plurality of said means for scanning.

5. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the shaft has a supporting bar in one end or in both ends thereof.

6. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising means for moving the irradiated object and the beam relatively.

7. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for moving has a control apparatus for controlling so as to move in synchronization with scanning of the means for scanning.

8. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the continuously output energy beam is a beam emitted from any one of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAlO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

9. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an optical system for shaping the continuously output energy beam into linear, wherein the optical system is arranged between an oscillator of the beam and the means for scanning.

10. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising an f θ lens arranged between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

11. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a telecentric f θ lens between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

12. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for scanning the energy beam on the irradiated object is a galvanometer mirror.

13. (Original) A beam irradiation apparatus being characterized in that the beam irradiation apparatus has means for scanning an continuously output energy beam on an irradiated object, the means for scanning has a plurality of specular bodies, the plurality of specular bodies is fixed to a shaft on an optical axis of the beam so that

side surfaces of the specular bodies do not contact each other, and the plurality of specular bodies rotates on the shaft as its center.

14. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of specular bodies has a plane surface or a curved surface.

15. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the continuously output energy beam is emitted from an oscillator.

16. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a number of the means for scanning is more than one.

17. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising means for moving the irradiated object and the beam relatively.

18. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the means for moving has a control apparatus for controlling so as to move in synchronization with scanning of the means for scanning.

19. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the continuously output energy beam is a beam emitted from any one of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAlO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

20. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising an optical system for shaping the continuously output energy beam into linear, wherein the optical system is arranged between an oscillator of the beam and the means for scanning.

21. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising an $f\theta$ lens between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

22. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a telecentric $f\theta$ lens between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

23. (Original) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the means for scanning the energy beam on the irradiated object is a polygon mirror.

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